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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper content of an abstract of the disclosure.

A patent abstract is a concise statement of the technical disclosure of the patent and should include that which is new in the art to which the invention pertains. If the patent is of a basic nature, the entire technical disclosure may be new in the art, and the abstract should be directed to the entire disclosure. If the patent is in the nature of an improvement in an old apparatus, process, product, or composition, the abstract should include the technical disclosure of the improvement. In certain patents, particularly those for compounds and compositions, wherein the process for making and/or the use thereof are not obvious, the abstract should set forth a process for making and/or use thereof. If the new technical disclosure involves modifications or alternatives, the abstract should mention by way of example the preferred modification or alternative.

The abstract should not refer to purported merits or speculative applications of the invention and should not compare the invention with the prior art.

Where applicable, the abstract should include the following:

- (1) if a machine or apparatus, its organization and operation;
- (2) if an article, its method of making;
- (3) if a chemical compound, its identity and use;
- (4) if a mixture, its ingredients;
- (5) if a process, the steps.

Extensive mechanical and design details of apparatus should not be given.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because lines 3-7 contain statements improper for an abstract. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claim 4 recites the limitation "said religious sacrament" in lines 1 and 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Further, since claim 5 depends from claim 4 it is also rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1,2,4,6,7,9,11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by O'Callaghan (US Patent 2,748,577) and as best understood in light of the 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection above.

Regarding Claims 1,2,4,6,7,9,11 and 12, O'Callaghan discloses a religious object (Figure 1) comprising: a necklace having a metal (column 1, line 44) pendant (10,11); at least one piece of cloth (19); wherein the pendant includes a cavity (Figures 4 and 7), and wherein the piece of cloth is disposed within the cavity of the pendant (Figure 6); the religious object further including a second pendant having a cavity with a second piece of cloth disposed within the cavity of the second pendant (column 2, lines 13-14); and wherein the necklace includes first and second chains forming a loop wherein the first pendant is secured to a first chain and the second pendant is secured to a first and second chain (Figure 1)(column 2, lines 13-14).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 10 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Callaghan.

Regarding Claims 3, 10 and 13, O'Callaghan discloses all the claimed features as discussed in the rejection above except for specifically stating that the piece of brown cloth (19) is wool. However, it is the Examiner's position that wool is an old and well known material and to form the brown cloth of O'Callaghan from wool would be obvious and considered well within the level of skill of one in the art since it is merely a well known equivalent, *which is durable and inexpensive.*

Claims 5, 8 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Callaghan in view of Herck (US Patent 2,422,678).

Regarding Claims 5, 8 and 14, O'Callaghan discloses all the claimed features as discussed in the rejections above except for the pendants including an opening exposing the pieces of cloth from within the cavities. However, Herck discloses an open space (26) for exposing an object.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the device of O'Callaghan to include an

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opening for exposing an object as taught by Herck in order to provide direct access to an object.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hamilton (1,556,106), Young (1,598,333), Harris (1,683,545), Scott (2,740,662), Korwin (3,670,524), Richards (4,165,573), Bergagnini (5,632,164), Uematsu (5,758,516), Giannis et al. (6,442,036) and Pimley-Smith (GB 2 243 760 A).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joan M. Olszewski whose telephone number is 703-305-2693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (5:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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